

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the group IV claims (claims 48, 54, 60, 66, 72). Applicants have canceled the non-elected claims reserving their right to pursue all of the non-elected claims by the filing of a divisional application.

Applicants have added new claims all directly or indirectly dependent on claim 48. Claim 99 refers to a preferred ligand in step (a') of claim 48 and further includes a preferred labeled compound (chemiluminescent compound) which is covalently bound to avidin, streptavidin or a functional derivative thereof. Claim 99 also provides a preferred detection/measurement step which makes use of the above-mentioned chemiluminescent compound as the label.

Claim 100 designates the solid particle as a solid paramagnetic particle and limits the process to one where the solid phase complex is separated from the liquid phase magnetically.

Claims 101 and 102 cover the same subject matter as claim 54 but are dependent on new claims 99 and 100, respectively. New claims 103 and 104 correspond to claim 60 but are likewise dependent on claims 99 and 100, respectively. New claims 105 and 106 correspond to original claim 66 but are likewise dependent on claims 99 and 100 and claim 107 and 108 correspond to original claim 72 but are likewise dependent on claims 99 and 100, respectively.

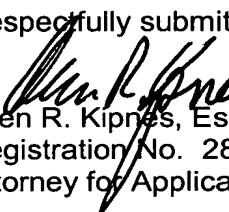
New claims 109 and 110 designate the sample antibody as IgE as disclosed for example on page 20, line 32 as well as on page 7, line 20 and elsewhere in the specification.

It is therefore submitted that new claims 99-110 are fully supported in the application as filed and entry thereof is deemed proper and is respectfully requested.

The foregoing is deemed fully responsive to the restriction requirement and a first Office Action on the merit is believed proper and is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this matter. However, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0510.

Respectfully submitted,


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